

Exchange report

NEOMA Business School –

Rouen campus

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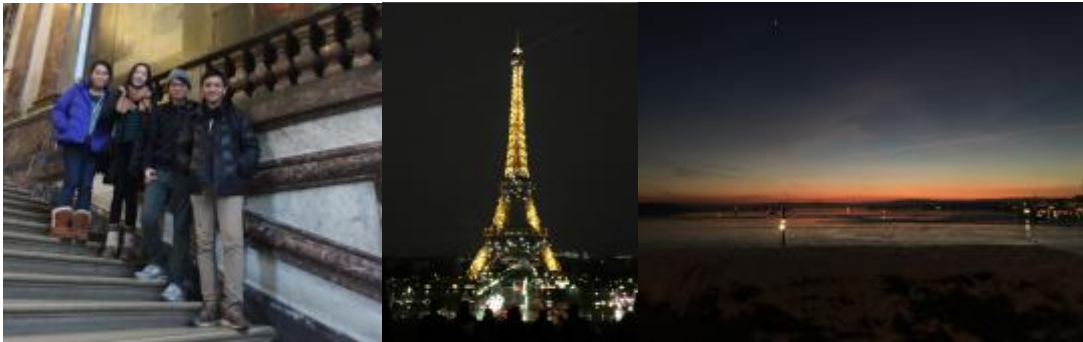
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Part I - Monthly Activity Log

January 2017

I arrived NEOMA on 2nd January. After settling down, there is a few orientation programs organized by the school and Cultural Connection on the first week. I went to Paris for 3 days as a short trip before the school starts. Most of the course will only have one class per week and 3 hours per class. For most of the class, they will start teaching immediately from the first class so it is better to get prepared before you go to class. You will need to check the online timetable everyday as the classroom for the course are not fixed and not every week will have lesson.



February 2017

It is not very busy at February as the workload at NEOMA is not heavy. There are not much homework and I only have one presentation and the French midterm in this month.

March 2017

This month is super busy as all of my course need presentations and all are gathered in this month as most of the presentations are done at the last two lessons.

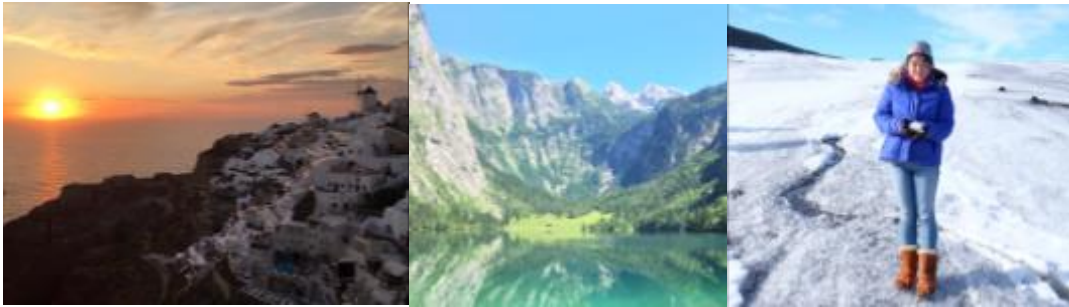


April 2017

Classes are only till first week of April. Following is the Easter holiday. The French final examination is not at the examination period but at the last week of the semester. I also have the project presentation for the IEP.

May 2017

The final examination period is from the beginning of May to mid-May. However, the exact exam date is announced a bit late, around 2 weeks before the examination. You need to check the online timetable from time to time. I also went for some small trip inside France in between my examinations.



JUNE 2017

This is the last month I stayed in Europe and basically, I am travelling for the whole month before I return back to Hong Kong.

Travel Plan

Month	Destination
January	Paris
February	London, Amsterdam, Norway, Copenhagen
March	Scotland, London, Caen, Mont-Saint-Michel
April	Iceland, UK, Sweden
May	Northern France (Saint-Malo, Giverny, Dieppe, Etretat, Honfleur), Belgium, Luxemburg, Dublin, Greece
June	Lisbon, Barcelona, Prague, Germany, Salzburg, Budapest, Disneyland, Italy

Part II – General Exchange Information

Visa Procedures

For students to study in France, you will need to apply for a long stay student visa. You will have to make an appointment through email to have interview with the Campus France Office and make an appointment online to submit the visa application. Both process can be done within the same day but you need to go for interview with Campus France Office before submitting the visa application.

Orientation Activities

There will be orientation activities held by both the school for introducing the background information of the school and also Cultural Connection to have campus tour and visit to the Rouen city center. Both activities are held on the first weekend of January.

International Services & Activities

There is a society named Cultural Connection. They will hold orientation activities for exchange students and also various activities such as visit to Disneyland and Mont-Saint Michel.

Accommodations

I am living in Ango 9m². It is similar to HKUST's Hall 8 & 9. You will have your individual room and kitchen and a shared toilet and bathroom with another people. It is quite near to the school, around 10 minutes of walk.

Course Registration

You will receive an email from NEOMA for course registration before January. You need to pay attention to both your registered email to NEOMA and the assigned email from NEOMA. A google form link will be sent to you for course registration. Be aware that the same course may appear in different timeslot meaning different professors will be teaching it and you should only choose one timeslot for each course. There will only be morning, afternoon and evening section for the courses.

Teaching & Assessment Methods

Discovering and Understanding French Culture – You will have to report some news about France at each lesson and there is no examination. Only one presentation and one essay is needed for this course. It is quite an interesting course if you want to know more about France especially by chatting with the teacher.

French for Communication A1-1 – This is the beginner course of French. You will have both midterm examination and a final examination. You will also have to do a presentation in French to introduce a trip in France. This course does require effort as there are quite a lot of information of the grammar part of French but it do let you learn French if you do not know anything about it before.

Geopolitics and International Relations - This course need to have summary for readings about 5-6 times for the whole semester. There will not be any midterm but a final examination of writing essays. You will also have to do a group presentation about the assigned topic during lesson.

Global Human Resource Management – This course does not have midterm examination but only a final examination will MC questions and one presentation done at the last lesson.

People Management – Team Building and Leadership – This course only has to do a mini presentation in class and a final examination with only MC questions. The content is a little bit similar to the course Global Human Resource Management. There are also lots of activity to make you understand the concepts during the lessons.

International Entrepreneurship Project – This course is different from the other courses. It only has 3 lessons. All of this course is to make you finish a group project about making a proposal for a new startup. You will need to find the assigned teacher to check the progress of your project and you need to carefully manage the time for doing the project.

Sports & Recreation Facilities

There are only 2 gym rooms around NEOMA and Ango which you need to pay for it. There is not much facilities around the campus and Ango except you take bus to Rouen city center.

Finance and Banking

The school will let Societe General set up counter at the orientation day. It is the best that you set up your account on that day. There is also a Societe General Branch near the school and most of the staff have a basic level of English.

Expenses

Items	HKD
Flight ticket	6,500
Accommodation	12,000
Daily expenses	8,000
Travel expenses	75,000
Insurance	2,000
Total	103,500

Social Clubs and Networking Opportunities

The Cultural Connection will organize different activities for exchange students. One of the most convenient activity you can join will be "Running Dinner". You will go to three different local student's home and they will provide you dinner and you can have chance to chat with them and make more friends.

Health and Safety

The living and school area are safe. However, you still need to pay attention to your personal belongings especially when you go travel.

Food

It will be cheapest to buy food from supermarket and cook at your dormitory. There is a large Carrefour nearby which you need to take bus F1. Another supermarket Super U can go by foot about 20 minutes of walk. The school do have a small canteen. The cheapest canteen will be the one next to Ango and it only cost 3.5 euro per student set.

Transportation

As NEOMA and Ango are not located in the city center of Rouen, you will need to take bus from Rouen city center. It is the best to buy student ticket for 10 trip which cost 8.4 euro. Single ticket can be bought on bus but there will not be student discount. From Rouen to Paris airport, you can take Flixbus or Ouibus. You will need to purchase the ticket online or at the office located in city center. However, the bus is only operating in a few specific time so you need to match it with your flight time.

Climate

It is quite foggy and cold at January. Rouen will always rain so remember to bring umbrella. Even until April there is still only around 15 degrees. Temperature start to go up from May.

Communication

I am using the FREE mobile 19.99 euro plan which provides 50 GB for inside France and 3 GB of data in other European countries per month. However there maybe changes as the EU have announced there will not be roaming anymore between different EU countries.

Cautionary measures

It is the best that you know French as most of the people at Rouen do not speak English. Even you do not know French, a few French vocabularies are useful as well.

Other notes

For having a long stay visa of France, some of the tourist spots will be free of charge. You will need to show your visa on your passport in order to get the discount. Another discount will be from your ISIC. NEOMA's student card will be linking to have ISIC at the same time so you can enjoy some offers for ISIC holders.

Part III – Items to Bring

1. Small bag for keeping important personal items
2. Copies of personal information
3. Computer
4. Adapter
5. Credit card
6. Umbrella
7. Medicine
8. Travel documents
9. Warm jacket
10. Stationery

Part IV – Useful Links and Contacts

Visa

<https://hongkong.consulfrance.org/Study-long-stay-more-than-90-days>

Mobile Apps:

1. RATP (Paris Metro app)
2. Skyscanner (Cheaper air ticket)
3. Reseau Astuce (Rouen bus app)
4. Flixbus (For intercity and intercountry bus)
5. Citymapper (It can help to check transportation in a few big cities like London, Berlin etc)
6. Busradar (It helps to list out all transportation like bus and train from different company for your researched route)
7. Google Translate
8. Google Map
9. Airbnb
10. Societe General (Bank)
11. Voyage-SNCF (France train)